

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM : [REDACTED]
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : ADP Support to National Warning Staff

1. The DCI decision on his warning role included a reaffirmation on the broad, "no surprise" mission and the creation of a National Warning Staff (NSW) to support the NIO for Warning in accomplishing that mission.

2. This poses a significant challenge for the NWS to monitor the broad stream of intelligence worldwide with a small group of people. The NWS needs the capability to periodically sample the flow of information on a variety of subjects and to quickly adjust its requirements for incoming traffic. The ability to screen out large volumes of reports through sophisticated, yet flexible, profiles is particularly important to such a small staff.

3. My assistant has reviewed the capabilities of the existing ADP systems (SAFE, CMASS and PMO) and has determined in conjunction with your ADP Staff that the Pilot Mail Operation most nearly meets the needs of the NWS. Therefore I am requesting your support in investigating the feasibility of providing the NWS with the PMO capability. While the NWS need is immediate, I recognize that PMO is a limited prototype and that such access may be difficult to provide now. As a minimum this investigation would lead to a definition of the NWS requirement and the inclusion of that requirement in the plans for PMO expansion next year.

4. The Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Warning, [REDACTED] is the NWS contact for this project.



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